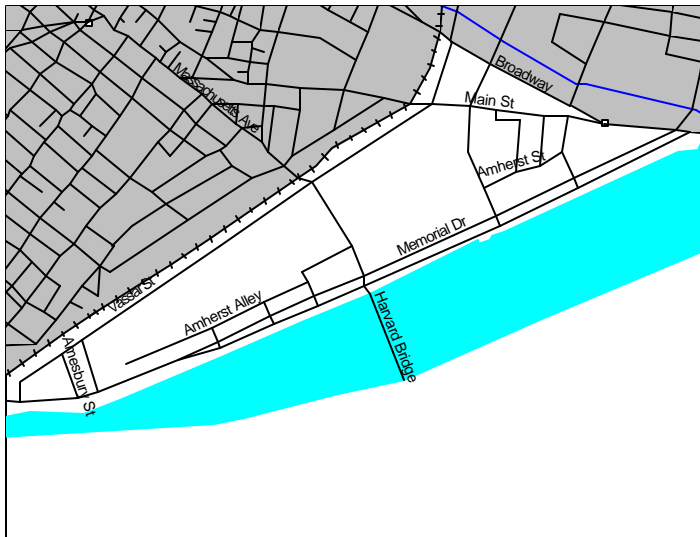
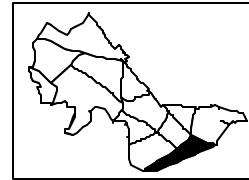


# NEIGHBORHOOD 2

# M.I.T. AREA



**BOUNDARIES:** bounded by Main Street, Broadway, the B&A Railroad, and the Charles River

**POPULATION:** 5,486 residents  
794 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$26,397

Neighborhood #2 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 1 and Car 3 (2 officer cars). M.I.T. has its own police force that patrols this area.

## COMPARISON OF 2<sup>ND</sup> Q. TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	0	2	0	0	1
Street Robbery	1	1	1	0	0
Auto Theft	15	14	7	3	3
Larceny from MVs	12	11	11	6	9
Malicious Destruction	5	9	4	3	10
Drug Arrests	3	3	2	1	0

### 2003 SECOND QUARTER IN REVIEW

Neighborhood 2 is appropriately named M.I.T. after the Massachusetts Institute of Technology located within its boundaries. Since the University has its own police force, the statistics shown in the table may not truly reflect the actually crime that has taken place in the area. Although separate departments, the unique partnership formed between the MIT and Cambridge Police has successfully combated crime during the last few years. Overall this year in the MIT neighborhood there has been one report of a **housebreak**. This incident, which occurred on MIT property, resulted in the arrest of one individual after he was found to be carrying stolen items. • Two out of the three **auto thefts** occurring in the first six months of the year took place during the second quarter. In each of these cases a motor vehicle was stolen while parked overnight on Vassar St. In one case the vehicle was recovered and an arrest was made in Boston. No specific type of vehicle was targeted. • Seven of the nine reported **larcenies from motor vehicles** this year occurred between April and June. In a twenty day span in June five cars were broken into and their contents stolen. Targeted items ranged from stereos to laptop computers. A majority of the cars suffered broken windows, which allowed easy entry into the vehicle. • Three **malicious destruction** incidents reported during the second quarter targeted a practitioner of Falun Gong, an ancient Chinese meditation method. Most of the

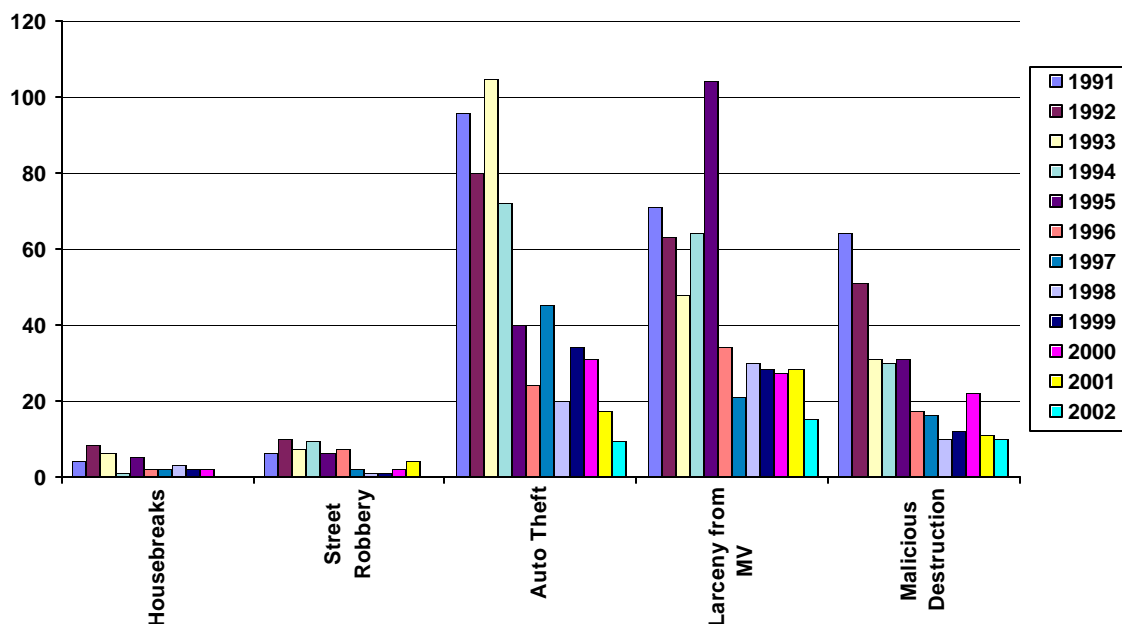
other incidents targeted business, car, or house windows. One subject was arrested after being witnessed scratching a car.

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

The M.I.T. Area is dominated, of course, by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. M.I.T. property envelops most of the neighborhood. Its large student population—many of whom are foreign—is alluring to local criminals, who often consider students unsuspecting prey.

*The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has its own police force, which reports its own crime statistics to the Uniform Crime Reporting system. Statistics contained in this profile—and in the rest of the report—do not include crimes on M.I.T. property except for arrests and incidents in which Cambridge Police Officers participated.*

- The large number of automobiles parked each day on Vassar Street, Ames Street, Amherst Street, and at the Hyatt Regency Hotel have traditionally accounted for high numbers of **auto theft** and **larcenies from motor vehicles**.
- **Street robbery** patterns have sometimes emerged at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street, and outside the Fleet ATM on Main Street. These are often predatory, targeting college students that are walking in the areas late at night. Over the course of 20 years, however, M.I.T. has maintained a street robbery level well below the other neighborhoods.
- Bicycles parked at racks on sidewalks all around M.I.T. have been targeted by thieves in large numbers. M.I.T. and Cambridge Police make several arrests per year for **larcenies of bicycles**.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR M.I.T. AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2002*
Housebreaks	19	11	4	12	13
Street Robbery	11	10	5	11	12
Auto Theft	102	7	55	6	12
Larceny from MVs	56	10	50	8	13
Malicious Destruction	47	10	28	11	13

\*RANKS ARE OUT OF 13 NEIGHBORHOODS, WITH 1 INDICATING THE HIGHEST CRIME RATE AND 13 THE LOWEST